

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

## PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, women have made great discoveries and innovations in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields; and

WHEREAS, women are proportionally underrepresented in the STEM fields; and

WHEREAS, encouraging and supporting women in STEM fields is vital to promote a strong and diverse academic and professional community; and

WHEREAS, further development and inclusion of women in STEM fields can strengthen Tennessee's economic success; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-1-413 requires the Governor to proclaim the month of August of each year as "Women in STEM Month"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as

Women in STEM Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-second day of July, 2019.

Governor

Secretary of State